

# VATICAN, SWISS STAMPS WIN

## First Day Dates For Remaining Commems

Postmaster Jesse M. Donaldson has announced the first day dates of the remaining seven stamps of the 1950 commemorative program. The Post Office Department has also indicated that all of them will have denominations of three cents.

It had been expected that the Boy Scout stamp at least would be a 5c value since Scouting has an international association.

Three of the remaining issues will have their first days in Washington, D. C., those to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the establishment of Washington, D. C. as the seat of the federal government. Known as the Judicial, Legislative and Executive commems, each of them will pay tribute to those respective branches of the government.

The official list as provided by the Post Office Department follows:

- 3c Gateway to the West—Midwest Centenary—Kansas City, Mo.—June 3, 1950.
- 3c Executive Branch of the Government—(Washington Sesquicentennial Celebration)—Washington, D. C.—June 12, 1950.
- 3c Boy Scouts of America—Valley Forge, Pa.—June 30, 1950.
- 3c Indiana Territory Sesquicentennial—Vincennes, Ind.—July 4, 1950.
- 3c Judicial Branch of the Government (Washington Sesquicentennial Celebration)—Washington, D. C.—Aug. 2, 1950.
- 3c California Statehood—Sacramento, Calif.—Sept. 9, 1950.
- 3c Legislative Branch of the Government (Washington Sesquicentennial Celebration)—Washington, D. C.—Nov. 22, 1950.

## Offer Cachets For Wellsville Celebration

A neat cachet advertising the 155th anniversary of the settlement of Wellsville, Ohio is available to collectors in two forms. Covers self addressed and stamped by the collectors will receive a rubber stamped impression of the cachet in carmine.

Those desiring a specially printed envelope with the cachet in blue may send ten cents in coin for each cover desired together with the name and address to which it is to be sent.

All covers will be cancelled with the special slogan die now in use and reading "HISTORICAL CELEBRATION—WELLSVILLE, OHIO—1795—1950."

Send all covers and orders to Cachet Director Lloyd Jenkins, 527 Commerce St., Wellsville, Ohio.

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- #229 50c 1890, Used.....4.44

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DIRECT HIT ON THE MAIL BUS is what the variety seems to look like on the 35c denomination of the Spanish Morocco UPU issue. It can be seen on the right hand stamp shown above where the radiator of the automobile seems to have been blown up. Apparently the variety is caused by some foreign matter on the stamp printing plate, although it might have been caused by some object dropped on the plate which marked that stamp when printed. It only occurs once in each pane of 100 stamps. Report of the variety was received through the courtesy of C. Torres, editor of "El Eco Filatelico", Apartado 108, Pamplona, Spain.

## A French Sergeant Designed And Produced One Of World's Scarcest Stamps, "The Convict Island Local"

by J. F. McGee

I am writing of the first stamp of the then French penal colony of New Caledonia. This stamp was produced locally by one of the French marine guards of the garrison there.

New Caledonia is the largest island in Zealand. It was discovered by the English navigator, Captain Cook in 1774. In some sort of deal, the British allowed the French to take it over in 1853 as a penal colony. Nearby Australia was also once used as a penal settlement. In Australia the labor of the convicts was farmed out under a contract. I suppose this was also the rule in New Caledonia as there are deposits of nickel and copper on the island. The tropical climate of New Caledonia, with its fevers and heat, was hellish for Europeans, and the death rate among the guards and prisoners was high. If a convict escaped to the jungles, the wild natives were offered the reward of a length of gaily-colored cloth for his head. Nice people.

Do not imagine that all or any of the convicts were murderers. Persons convicted of that crime were executed: I once heard an

the Pacific after New



Caledonia wished to have a postage stamp for local use and to prepay letters to Australia. He inquired of the marines for a man with a knowledge of lithography. A sergeant by the name of L. Triquerat offered himself as experienced in the art. He was assigned the job of producing a postage stamp. According to published accounts, he had to find a native stone suitable for lithography and to shape and polish it. Presumably he also had to construct whatever kind of press he used, as the only printing

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## 1949 Airs, 1948 Pro Juventutes Said Most Symbolical, Beautiful; Win Spain's Coveted Trophies

Two silver trophies which should become the most sought prizes among the stamp issuing countries of the world were placed in annual competition by the Postal Administration of Spain. They are to be awarded to the stamp issuing countries which in the opinion of a jury composed of artists, technicians and postal officials have issued the stamp or set of stamps which display the highest artistry, and the stamp or set of stamps which display the most appropriate symbolism. The trophies are reproductions in Silver of two of Spain's famous ships, Columbus' "Santa Maria", and the "Victory" of Elcano.

The competition was established by Spain as a tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union of which it was one of the founders. It will be a permanent, annual affair with new trophies being awarded each time.

The Ministry of the Interior order establishing the annual prizes, the "Caravela Santa Maria" and the "Nao Victoria" follows:

"On October 9th being the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, and Spain being one of the 23 countries that founded it, will cooperate in the general commemoration, associating it to the thought of the Spanish explorers and navigators who were bearers of perennial messages.

"In virtue of which it is resolved with permanent character: "1.—Two prizes will be established to be known as the Santa Maria Caravel" and the "Nao Victoria", which will be awarded every 9th of October hereafter to the two Postal Administrations which have issued the two best stamps or series of stamps with the highest artistic value, and the most appropriate symbolism, selected from all the stamps sent by the Universal Postal Union to this General Post Office (Madrid, Spain) during the period from June 1 of the previous year to May 31 of the current year.

"2.—For the adjudication of the aforementioned prizes there will be appointed a jury presided over by the Director General of the Post Office and constituted by the following members: Director General of the Seal, Cultural Relations and the National Mint Office. An Academician of the Real Academia de San Fernando, appointed by the Academy, a professor of Art History appointed by the Ministry of Education, the Chief of the Library and Postal Museum and the Chief of the Philatelic Service of the General Post Office who will act as the secretary of the jury.

"Transitory Resolution—During the present year the adjudgment of these prizes will be accomplished between stamps which have been received in this General Post Office from January 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949.

"Madrid, March 29, 1949."

First winners in the competition were Switzerland, which nation has an excellent reputation for the artistic quality of its stamps, and Vatican City.

Switzerland was awarded the Carabela Santa Maria trophy for

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## Offer Cachets For California HPO Routes

The Post Office Department announced that government-owned and operated Highway Post Office Service will be inaugurated on or about May 12 between the following points:

Fresno and Bakersfield, California  
Stockton and Fresno, California

Special first-trip cachets and cancellation stamps will be provided for both routes. Collectors desiring first-trip cancellations should send their covers properly prepaid and ready for mailing at the first class rate, to the postmasters at the terminal cities of each route from which first-trip cancellations are desired. A clear space not less than 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers must be left for the application of the cachets.

On each route the initial trip between the first-named and last-named city will be designated as "Trip 1," and the initial trip in the opposite direction as "Trip 2."

Covers for first-trip cancellations should be sent under cover or wrapper to the appropriate postmaster with accompanying letter, or endorsement on wrapper, authorizing the holding of the covers for the first-trip and requesting application of the cachet. There will be no provision made for philatelic handling of covers to or from intermediate post offices along these routes, but at the request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be directed to the outer terminus of the trip where they will be backstamped.

All covers intended for first-trip cancellations should be received by the appropriate postmasters not later than May 10. Covers received after that date will be returned to the senders and will not be given first-trip treatment.

## Union Will Sell Salvador Stamps At Face Value

According to word from the Pan American Union Philatelic Division in Washington, D. C. the republic of Salvador has recently passed a decree which will allow recent issues of that country to be sold at face value at the Union's stamp counter.

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## Additional Slogan Cancellations Offered

Several more slogan cancellations will be made available to collectors from a number of cities. These are as follows:

At Rochester, N. Y. will be used the slogan die, "Visit Rochester's/Highland Park During/LI-LAC TIME."

Charlotte, N. C. will have "175th Anniversary/Mecklenburg Declaration/May 20, 1950."

Ten cities will use the following slogan. The cities are Fargo, N. Dakota; Newark, N. J.; Camden, N. J.; Trenton, N. J.; Raleigh, N. C.; Wilmington, Del.; Washington, D. C.; Jersey City, N. J.; Charlotte, N. C. and Detroit, Mich.

The slogan reads, "Strike Back At Cancer/GIVE/ American Cancer Society."

Nine cities will apply the slogan, "Beaver County, Pa./Sesquicentennial/1800-1950." The cities, all in Pennsylvania are: Beaver, Monaca, Freedom, Midland, Beaver Falls, New Brighton, Ambridge, Rochester and Alquippa.

To get an impression of the slogan on their prepared covers, collectors must send such covers to the respective postmasters with the request that the slogan be applied to their covers.

A prepared cover consists of an envelope with a name and address and a three cent stamp. Each envelope should contain a light cardboard or paper stuffer.

## PMCC Members Receive Results Of Research

A recent merger between the Postmark Collectors Club and the Postal Cancellations Society has resulted in a club with over 700 members in all parts of the world. Members seem to have interests which cover nearly everything philatelic from stamps and covers right on through cancellations and research material.

Present director of the club is the Rev. Walter Smith who will be pleased to tell interested persons about the activities of the group if they will address their requests to him at P. O. Box 355, Bath, Maine.

Each month members receive an interesting club bulletin which brings cachet and cover news as well as invitations to correspondence from foreign countries.

Just recently members received the first fruits of the research which assistant research director Keith Nelson, 1133 Greene St., Marietta, Ohio has conducted. Charts and descriptions of the International Hand Driven Machine Cancellations, Dial and Killer types were sent to each PMCC member.

## Airport Dedication Cachet From Vicksburg

Dedication of the Vicksburg, Miss. Municipal Airport is scheduled for June 9. At that time collectors will have the opportunity of getting a cachet on their prepared covers which will commemorate the event.

Covers are to have the name and the address kept to the right hand side of the envelope and must bear 6c worth of postage to pay the airmail fee. Stuffers should also be enclosed in each envelope.

Prepared covers are then to be sent to the Chamber of Commerce, Vicksburg, Miss. with the request that the airport dedication cachet be applied.

## Freak Postmark From Island Of Fiji

The British magazine "Philately" reports that when the postmaster at Buca Bay, Natuvu, Fiji came to change his date stamp from 1949 to 1950 he found that he was without a "5" to drop in. He telegraphed Suva, who authorized him to use a blank until the missing figure arrived.

The result is that mail posted on January 2 and for a few days subsequently shows the year date as "0".

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## PSPS Convention, Show At Ferndale, Michigan

The annual convention of the Peninsular State Philatelic Society, the Michigan state organization of stamp clubs and collectors, will be held this year on May 13, 14 at the spacious Lincoln High School gymnasium, Nine Mile Road and Livernois Avenue, Ferndale, Michigan.

In addition to the two business sessions and the election of officers, the features of the affair will be the large exhibition and bourse. This show is noted for the number and excellence of its trophies and other awards to successful exhibitors.

There are both junior and senior classes as well as an inter-club competition that always produces a spirited rivalry for the coveted P.S.P.S. Plaque.

Detailed information and prospectus may be secured from the general chairman, Walter S. Guibord, 701 Forestdale Road, Royal Oak, Michigan.

The bourse will be under the direction of John B. Jackson, 764 Spencer Ave., Ferndale, Michigan. Tables may be reserved by writing to Mr. Jackson at the above address.

## Series Of 19 "Italy At Work" Stamps Soon

Two Italian watermark varieties are reported by P. Ostrow, of Elizabeth, N. J., together with news of a proposed Italian set to replace the "Democratia" issue which has been current since the end of the war.

Mr. Ostrow reports that the 20-Lire Volta stamp, regularly watermarked with a "wheel" device has reached him both unwatermarked and with watermarked letters. These are claimed to be errors and not regularly used watermarks.

The forthcoming issue, for which the date of release has not yet been announced, is to depict scenes of "Italy at Work." Although the Ministry of Posts claims that the set is not intended to feature special regional occupations, the designs will do just that.

There will be 19 stamps, all designed by Professor Corrado Mezzana, from 50c to 200-lire, with a total face value of 731.50 lire, as follows:

- 50c—Blacksmith. Background: Castle of Bard, Aosta Valley.
- 1L—Auto mechanic. Background: Sagra de S. Michele, Piedmont.
- 2L—Ceramics worker. Background: Signoria Palace, Florence.
- 6L—Embroiderer and water carrier. Abruzzi country scene.
- 10L—Hand-loom worker. Background: Bagnara coast, Calabria.
- 12L—Sailor. Ducal Palace and St. Mark's steeple, Venice.
- 15L—Carpenter working on ship. Castle of Rapallo.
- 20L—Fisherman. Vesuvius and Gulf of Naples.
- 25L—Orange gatherer. Mt. S. Pellegrini, Sicily.
- 30L—Grape gatherer. Castel del Monte, Puglia.
- 35L—Olive gatherers. Metaponto, Basilicata.
- 40L—Carman pushing wheel. Roman aqueducts, and Michel-Angelo's cupola.
- 50L—Shepherd and flock. Sardinia.
- 55L—Herdsmen. Clitunno Fountain and temple.
- 60L—Ox-driven wagon carrying wheat bags to mill. Urbino Castle, the Marches.
- 65L—Peasant sowing. S. Apollinare, Basilicata.
- 100L—Country girls unfolding ears of maize. Farm kitchen.
- 200L—Wood-cutter. Tower of Vajole, Trentino.

## Belgium-American Friendship Issue Due

There will be a set of stamps soon from Belgium which will pay tribute to Belgium-American Friendship if usually reliable reports from that country are to be believed.

It is said that the late President Roosevelt will be shown in one of the designs. Also to be shown are American generals who fought for the liberation of Belgium.

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Dealers may contact Jacques Minkus, publisher at 134 W. 32nd St., New York City.

## Eighth Annual Show For Butler Countians

The Butler County Philatelic Society of Butler, Pennsylvania, will hold their Eighth Annual Stamp Exhibition and Open House on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 in the Display Room of the Standard Motor Company, Butler, Pennsylvania.

The Exhibition will consist of approximately 80 frames of stamps, covers and postal stationery, all owned by the Society's members. This exhibition and the Bourse will be free and open to the interested public from 12 noon until 10 P. M. on Saturday, May 6, and from 10 A. M. until 5 P. M. on Sunday, May 7.

There will be a dinner for all members, their wives and the visiting collectors and dealers at 6:15 P. M. on Saturday, May 6.

Those desiring information relating to the Bourse and Dinner reservations, or hotel accommodations, may communicate with the Chairman of Publicity and Bourse—J. Garland Marks, 424 East Pearl Street, Butler, Pa.

## Azalean Philatelists Produce Club Bulletin

Newest of the society publications to appear is "The Azalean Philatelist", official organ of the Azalean Philatelists, a group of Mobile, Alabama stamp collectors.

Editor is Leon G. Raley, P. O. Box 1554, Mobile 9, Ala.

The club is presently engaged in an expansion program which will help establish chapters of the organization in three different states. These will be at Citronelle, Ala., Biloxi, Miss. and Abilene, Kans.

Interested persons are always welcome to the meetings of the club which are held the second and fourth Thursdays at the Mobile YMCA.

## New Secretary For Germany Specialists

A newly appointed secretary will handle the affairs of the Germany Philatelic Society. He is Fred A. Gubler, P. O. Box 224, Rochester 1, N. Y. He will serve until the next elections which will be held in 1951.

Members of this group are interested in the stamps of Germany and related material. They are kept informed through the "German Postal Specialist" official bulletin of the Society edited by August O. Busch.

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## BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

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**ST. LUCIA.** This column recently showed a cover from St. Lucia with cancellation "1st AIR MAIL," which the writer mentioned as a probably rare cover.

This prompted numerous communications, one of which advised that the writer had spent some time in St. Lucia and that this cover had been sent on the first flight of P.A.A. and that the Postmaster General did the altering of the cancel in lieu of other recognition of the event. He could not state how many such covers there were, but did say that most of them will not be available—even to the "Yankee Dollar." Many other letters requested information as to the value of these covers.

Complete information regarding this flight was recently received from L. B. Gatchell, editor of The Airpost Journal, and to correct any wrong impression, the following is quoted.

"The cover which you illustrated and described is well known to air mail collectors. These covers have been listed in practically every Air Mail Catalogue ever published since 1930, including the American Air Mail Catalogue of 1940. They will also be listed in the forthcoming Volume II of the American Air Mail Catalogue 1950 edition as follows:

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"From the above you will note that more than 2000 covers were carried from Castries to various destinations by this flight and that, while they are interesting and desirable pieces, the great majority of them which were dispatched to Miami command but a nominal value."

This information will serve as an answer to readers who wrote about this cover and were advised by mail, that further information would be supplied when available.

**ADEN.** This column recently mentioned that a sheet of 60 of the U.P.U. stamps of Qu'aiti had been found without the surcharge of 1 Rupee on the 1 shilling stamp. Gibbons consider this as an outstanding error and state that this sheet had been lying for months undetected in a dealer's stock. This lucky dealer sold 50 of these errors to Stanley-Gibbons who are now offering the same to collectors at the price of 150 Pounds per mint single.

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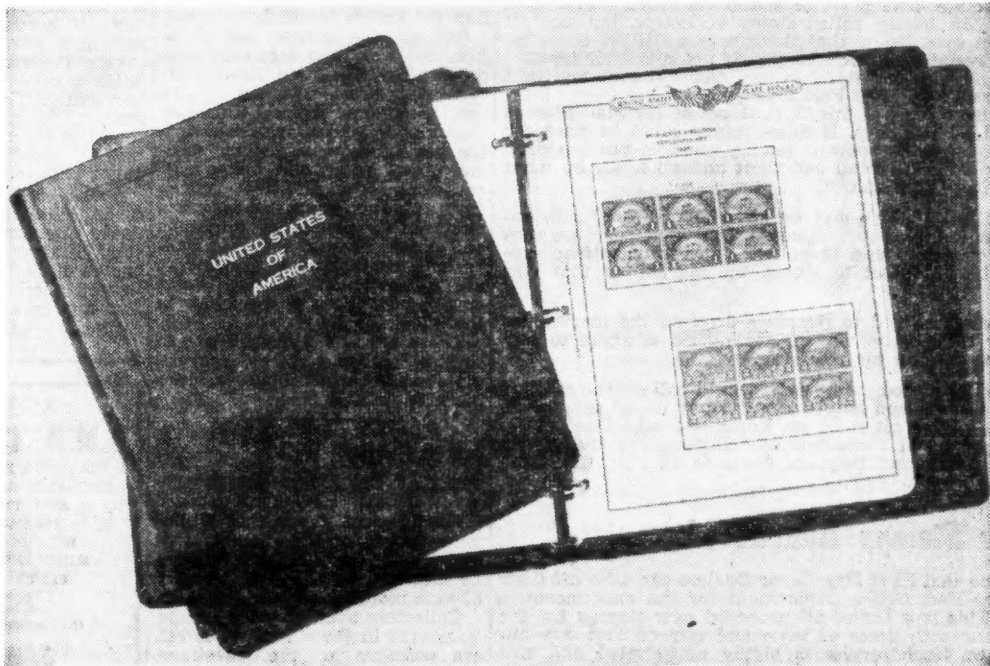
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## Playing Us For Suckers

The "US" means you brother as well as all other stamp collectors. We sometimes think that the P. O. Department at Washington is purposely taking advantage of the buying power of the stamp collector to unload some of their souvenirs which are being made



GEO. W. LINN

from time to time. The boys must have figured it out right in a few instances. They must have figured, why use paper for printing 3c postage stamps when you can make them 10c, 15c and 25c at the same cost and get the jack without so much effort. On a few occasions in the past few years the stamp collector has been taken for a good ride in his stamp buys from Uncle Sam. Quite a bit of good sized money has been invested in stamps by various buyers in past years and our bright P. O. Department officials have on a few occasions unloaded a lot of paper with higher prices printed on it, paper that the buyers will have a hard time disposing of in such manner as to make their investments profitable. Time was, years back, when printings were limited and one had a fair chance to buy and after holding for a matter of five or ten years, turn a very good profit, but those days are gone and the large printings of today and the past few years have taken

all that out of our postage stamps. It is not so bad with the common 3c values issued for regular postage use, in fact even good for air mail use if need be, but when they get to dishing out 10c, 15c and 25c stamps and such things in big quantities, they are overloading the market.

Perhaps they believed what Jim Farley once said, that there were ten million stamp collectors and that each one might want to buy a set.

Take the 15c CIPEX sheet for example. The quantity printed was so big that it will take some years yet for it to grow in value so that it will ever turn out as a decent investment.

Mr. Rueth gives figures on the souvenir sheet printings and if you doubt this just study those figures in his column this week and try to figure out just how long it will be before you can turn these 15c CIPEX sheets at a decent profit.

Trouble is, that we have a lot of stamp collectors and also a lot of people that Mr. Farley called stamp collectors, but not all of these ten million even know that there was a CIPEX sheet issued and even if they did, they probably would not spend 15c for one.

The CIPEX sheet has one thing in its favor however and that is that it can be used for Parcel Post Postage.

That however is not true of this U. P. U. set of Air Mail Stamps that they unloaded on the boys. If these things could be used for Parcel Postage they would disappear readily enough, but the darn things are only good for Air Mail and most airmail is 6c. So what can one do with these high values?

The country is full of them and we have been offered substantial quantities at as much as 10% discount, but what good are they except for stamp collectors and there are not enough stamp collectors who have bought a set to absorb the big supply that was made.

These stamps are destined to remain a drug on the market for years to come, for there is no way of getting rid of them in any quantity except for foreign air mail use.

If some smart Hollywood stamp man would call on the mailing rooms at the Film Capital and induce them to buy up all they could get and use them up for air mail on Films, we might solve the problem. As it is however, thousands of collectors are stuck with sheets or parts of sheets and they are going to be stuck for some years to come.

## Coming New Stamps Announced

Now is one time that First Day Cover Dealers can take off their hats and thank the Post Office Department for the announcement it has just made. This is a list of all proposed new stamps for the balance of this year with dates of issue and city of first day announced in advance. Such service is highly appreciated and will allow ample time for every dealer to lay plans and have nice covers ready for the announced dates.

## The Poor American Stamp Dealers

One of the chief reasons why we can not have a real Stamp Dealers Association here in America just as they have over in England is due principally to the fact that the American Stamp Dealers can not afford the cost of same, is the advice we have from Mr. Herbert Reuben, president of the American Stamp Dealers Association.

This is indeed a sad state of affairs here in a country so prosperous as America has been in the past many years, and where we do still have enough left after paying taxes to live in a decent manner. It is unlike England, where taxes eat up perhaps a third of the smaller incomes, and other conditions are far from equal to what we have here.

One of the great troubles with too many stamp dealers in this country is that they are stamp poor. They have so many stamps laying around that could be converted to cash and they are constantly buying more so that they are always short of cash. Every time some older dealer in New York passes away they find so much in old albums, boxes full of stamps and old approval sheets that it amazes the finders. Like when Percy Doane passed on and his stock was dug out. There were heaps of boxes and bundles of stamps that had been stacked up in his office so long that they had been forgotten. This has occurred with many of them. If the dealers would just clean house some day, dig out the stuff and run a bargain sale, we mean a real bargain sale, most of them could cash in a few thousand dollars and have cash in their pockets and never miss the stamps they sold. We know, we were a dealer once ourselves and know how the stuff accumulated.

Collectors love big mixed lots and if you give them good value, you will sell them a lot more of the same kind of material and everyone will be happy. Try a housecleaning once and dig out the remains of old lots and accumulations and see how fast it moves if offered at bargain prices.

## DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Well



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## 1863 Jackson Stamp Subject Of New Book

The Black Jacks of 1863-67, by Maurice F. Cole. Published by Chambers Publishing Co., Kalamazoo 25, Mich. Paper bound, 121 pages, illustrated. Price \$1.50.

The latest addition to the popular Chambers Handbook Series, this is an interesting and scholarly presentation of the story of one of the most popular and attractive, yet little-known, United States stamps of all times, the 2c black Andrew Jackson portrait issue of 1863-67, commonly called "Black Jacks."

The seventeen chapters of the book are devoted to such subjects as the collateral sources, autographed material, die and plate proofs, precancelling of the Black Jack, revenue usage, special covers, bisects, multiples, usage singly and in combination with other stamps, plate markings, foreign mail usage, perforation and printing oddities, and fancy cancellations.

As the author states in his foreword, the book is not intended as the "final word" on the subject, much of which is yet to be explored, but it is an attempt to combine in a single publication the results of his own research and that of contemporary students, providing a solid foundation for future research.

Because the author has skillfully combined the bare essentials concerning the stamp itself with such collateral information as the Sanitary Fair, Christian Commission and patriotic covers, the combination usages for various postal rates, the fancy cancellations, the oddities arising from production methods, and many other phases of philatelic and postal history, the book will be both useful and interesting to all collectors of United States stamps as well as to specialists in the Black Jacks.

There are 115 illustrations of singles, multiple pieces, covers, plate and cancellation varieties included in the book.

## Israel Society Will Meet At Philatelic Museum

Meetings of the Israel Philatelic Society of Philadelphia will be held in the National Philatelic Museum on the first Monday of each month hereafter at 8 p. m.

Collectors over 18 years of age, interested in the stamps of Israel, are welcome to the meetings. Further information about the club can be gotten from the secretary, Mrs. Rose Muscant, 2036 N. Franklin St., Philadelphia 22.

## Two Day Exhibition At Dearborn, Michigan

A two day exhibition and bourse will be sponsored by the Dearborn Stamp Club at the Miller School April 29 and 30 in Dearborn, Mich.

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## Commendable Idea For FDC Cachets

by Charles N. Roeckell

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An FDC has, of course, the stamp—single, pair, block or plate number block—depending upon the collector. It has a nice cancellation by special courtesy of the P. O. D. which says that this is a first day cover. It has the date of issue of the stamp and the first day city. But one thing is missing—a write-up of the stamp.

The cover printers provide a pretty picture for the cachet. Some of these designs are works of art. And some—let's just say—are not. But all of the designs completely overshadow the stamp, making it of secondary interest. Now, why doesn't some enterprising cover service eliminate the picture and replace it with a write-up of the stamp?

There is artistry and craftsmanship in printing and type faces. A well-designed piece of typography, in two colors, with an inch square illustration to brighten the copy, would not only be attractive but would restore philatelic balance to the cover.

A collector could get an uncacheted cover and type in his own write-up. In appearance it would not be much and no collector wants an eyesore. But a first-rate typographer could begin with the stamp, select a type face, border and colors to match and lay out a job with plenty of eye appeal.

The write-up itself cannot be overlong due to space limitations. This is probably an advantage as it would keep the story to the point. The biggest pitfall for the printer would be accuracy. Nothing is worse than misinformation in a stamp collection. And having the same error in thousands of collections borders on the horrifying. The necessary information, in most cases, can be found in the recognition encyclopedias, making it easy on the cover printer.

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A number of philatelic writers have stated that the "Nebr." overprinted stamps were not available in Omaha or Lincoln, Nebraska at the time they were current back in 1929. Shown in the covers above are the 2c Nebr. with the top one cancelled at Lincoln, April 25, 1929 and the lower at Omaha (Burlington Sta.), April 24, 1929. The cachets on the left hand side of the covers are identical except for color. The upper is in red violet and the lower in a pale purple. Note the slogan on the bottom cover, "LET'S GO/CITIZENS' MILITARY/TRAINING CAMPS." The covers are the property of J. F. McGee, 2211 Davenport St., Omaha 2, Nebr. author of the article about the "Kans." and "Nebr." stamps which follows.

## The Story Of The

## "KANS." AND "NEBR."

## OVERPRINTS OF 1929

by J. F. McGee

During the 1920's the burglarizing of the smaller post offices by hoodlums, operating with autos, was rife all over the U. S. The robbery of stamps from post offices was prevalent especially in Kansas and Nebraska.

The postal inspector whose district included these two states, suggested to the Postmaster General the idea of overprinting the names of the states on stamps to prevent large quantities of mint stamps being sold readily in another section of the country.

The then Postmaster General was sufficiently sold on the plan to authorize a trial in Kansas and Nebraska. The smaller post offices had little demand for stamps of the higher denominations, and the eleven lower values of the 1926-27 regular issue were overprinted, "Kans." and "Nebr." respectively.

Alas, a new Postmaster General took office. He did not approve of the state stamps, but allowed those that had already been prepared for Kansas and Nebraska to be put into service.

No restrictions were placed on the use of the stamps with the control in other states. Residents of both Kansas and Nebraska continued to send small sums of money in the form of stamps for goods ordered by mail. The large mail order houses in Chicago and Kansas City received large amounts of the stamps. They even precanceled them. There was an official ruling forbidding the precanceling of the stamps with the state control overprint, but quite a number of the postmasters in both Kansas and Nebraska disregarded the order.

I have the 1c and 3c precanceled by the post office of the small town of Milford, Kansas, unlisted in my catalog. It was said these were used by the institution then located there which specialized in rejuvenating elderly men by transplanting goat glands. (Nurse, fetch my false teeth so I can start whistling at girls again!)

Most of the writers on this subject have stated that the stamps with the control overprint were not available in either Omaha or Lincoln. I have no information about Lincoln except in a first-day cover. However, in Omaha they were issued to the branch post offices, including the Burlington Postal Station which is on the railway tracks near both the Union and Burlington passenger depots, and which now exclusively handles parcel post mail.

The Burlington Postal Station, had some of the high values, particularly the 8c, long after the printing was exhausted in most post offices out in the state. And during the 1934 holiday season, the only 1½c stamp to be had at the Omaha main post office for mailing Christmas greetings were the ones with the state control. Tens of thousands of sheets were disposed of then.

I have first-day covers with the 2c of Omaha, Lincoln, Elkhorn, Fremont, Cedar Bluffs, Kearney, Grand Island, Valley and Waterloo, Nebraska, all postmarked April 24, 1929. (Correction! The Lincoln cover is dated April 25th.)

Should we have another economic depression it probably will bring another cycle of post office robberies, and a demand for state

stamps. The name of the state or its abbreviation could be engraved across the design of the regular stamps.

In 1916 the P.O.D. requested the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to carry out the experiment of cutting the precancel overprint used by the New York post office into the design of the stamps in order that both could be printed at the same time. The experiment was with the 2c stamp, and two different types of the subject were produced. One was with "New York, N. Y." in solid letters, and one with colorless or open letters. Neither of these were ever placed in use.

## Will Visit London Exhibition, Tour Europe

Customers and prospective customers of Herman Herst, Jr. of Shrub Oak, N. Y. should send no requests for stamps, or payment thereof after May 1.

Mr. Herst is going to England for the International Exhibition at London after which he and Mrs. Herst will tour several countries of Europe.

He will not have any of the mail forwarded which reaches him between May 1 and June 12 at his office. Collectors and correspondents should not write between those dates.

## Chicago Women's Club Offers Seals, Cachet

At the time of the exhibition of the Chicago Women's Stamp Club seals and a cacheted cover will be prepared for the occasion. The seals have a selling price of 10c each.

Cacheted covers properly cancelled have a selling price of 20c. Both the seals and the cachet are obtainable from Helen Cunningham c/o Jahn & Ollier Engraving Co., 817 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 7, Ill.

Scene of the show will be the Hotel Sherman, Chicago from May 12 to 14.

## Airmail Service For Florida Cities

On or about April 30 air mail service will be inaugurated at Gainesville and Ocala, Fla., over routes AM-6 and AM-10.

No official cachets for first flight covers will be authorized for Gainesville or Ocala, as cachets have previously been furnished for airmail service at these points.

However, souvenir covers received by the postmasters at Gainesville and Ocala will be dispatched on first flights if practicable.

## Dealer ★ ★ ★ Doings

The 1950 Price List of Postage Stamps in Sets and Packets of the World is the 77th produced by the firm of Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England. It is available to all collectors at the price of 6d on request. Not only is there a fine representation of the stamps of the British Commonwealth, but of the rest of the world as well.

Regardless of their philatelic interests, the majority of collectors will find that the Stamps of the Month Club, 2855 Piedmont Rd., Atlanta 5, Ga. will have much to interest them. Included in their stock are U. S., Foreign, New Issues, Classics and Approvals. Monthly lists keep collectors well informed of the best buys in the current market.

A price list of the stamps of Europe in complete mint sets is available from Martin Sellinger, 116 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y. Included also are a listing of the stamps of Israel and those German Local stamps which have found a lot of popularity. Other listings include the German Occupation of Serbia, and Poland General Government.

Because of circumstances beyond his control, Richard T. Bueschel had to seek a new location for his stamp business. Business will now be conducted from 440 Randolph Rd., Plainfield, N. J. Mr. Bueschel specializes in the stamps of Germany, Colonies and former States of which he has a comprehensive stock. Price lists are available on request.

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279C*	2.50	2.89	1.25	3.09	2.35
279D*	.18	.29	4.50	3.10	.80
280*	.35	2.91	13.95	3.11	19.00
280	.02	.29	3.25	3.13	17.50
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BY CARL P. RUETH

In a letter to this office, in connection with the proposed Boy Scout stamp which will appear soon, an executive of the Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York 16, N. Y. wrote in part, as follows:

"...I have written to 22 companies of which we have a record as producers of cachets offering the services of the Boy Scouts of America in checking the designs and statements in their cachets for accuracy.

"There are two important factors about which each producer should be aware. The Act of Congress which chartered the Boy Scouts of America gave the sole right for the use of the Scout emblem to the Boy Scouts of America. It will not be possible for us to grant permission to any cachet dealer to use any Boy Scout emblem on the cachet."

The BSA's generous attitude in offering help to the cachet dealers is commendable.

But I question their position as stated in the second paragraph above where they will refuse permission to reproduce the Boy Scout emblem in a cachet. The BSA is probably planning to produce an "official" cachet of its own in which no doubt they plan to use their emblem.

Their refusal to let anyone else use it borders on the selfish. The Boy Scouts have been backed and promoted by our citizens as a whole through Community Chests, civic organizations and through individual personal interest. Possibly some of these same cover dealers have been interested and have supported scouting to the fullest extent.

I believe that the BSA would have a difficult time making any headway in a court of law in the prosecution of any person or persons using the emblem. It has been used so widely for all kinds of promotions, news matter and illustrations many of which are connected with the making of a profit, and used without the permission of the BSA, that the emblem might be considered common property.

In any event, even though Congress favored the BSA, they'd have a tough time making their decision or ruling "stick" in a court of law, besides which they'd lose a tremendous amount of good will.

1. The Inventors set of the Famous Americans series pictured Whitney, Morse, McCormick, Howe and Bell. What outstanding invention is credited to each?

2. One of our presidents was known as "Old Rough and Ready". Who was he, and on what denomination of the Presidential series is pictured?

Some weeks ago, I advanced the opinion here that the CIPEX souvenir sheet issued by the United States in 1947 in compliment to the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition and the 100th anniversary of the first U. S. postage stamps would never amount to anything much as an investment.

A man, whom I suspect has bales of them stored away as an investment, and who hates to admit the truth about the issue from an investment standpoint wrote his disagreement in a disagreeable manner, without regard to existing facts.

He brought out that souvenir sheets as a whole were mighty fine things to have your money in, and that the CIPEX and the 10c SPA which I also disparaged as an investment item, were just as good as all the previous ones.

Well, are they?

Here is the record—the total of each item are figures supplied by the Post Office Department and are official and reliable.

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Chicago 1c	456,704
Chicago 3c	441,172
Byrd	811,404

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Parks 1c	793,551
Parks 3c	511,391
TIPEX	2,809,039
SPA Parks 10c	5,277,445
CIPEX	10,299,600

You will note that all of them with the exception of the last three listed above, were issued in quantities in less than one million copies. When you get an issue of stamps or sheets with figures in that bracket, you better cop on to it—it's money in the bank.

Even the TIPEX which had somewhat less than three million issued back in 1936, fourteen years ago, has not amounted to much as an investment item. It has had some gain, sure, but it still wholesales at around 20c, and if you were to sell what you have, you'd only get a few cents over the face value of 12c now.

The Scott Catalog does a pretty accurate job of reflecting the worth of the above sheets and you can rely on it most of the time for stamp values.

The sheets issued in less than a million copies will continue to gain in value regularly, while the others over a period of time will gain too, but oh so slowly, and so slightly.

According to the newest list of stamps for sale at face value at the Philatelic Agency, only the following are available. All are three cent commems except as noted.

Four Chaplains, Women's Progress, Friendship, Key, Barton, Firemen, Turner, Harris, Minnesota, Washington & Lee, Puerto Rico, Alexandria (6c), Annapolis, GAR, Poe, 10c, 15c and 25c UPU, Wright Brothers (6c), Bankers, Gompers, and Freedom.

Also the Presidentials from 1/2c to \$5; the 10c, 13c, 15c, 17c and 20c Special Delivery; the 10c, 15c and 20c Special Handling; the 1947, 1948 and 1949 Duck stamps; the 1947 airmails of 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c denominations and the 6c of 1949; and the 5c and 6c airmail coil stamps.

For purchases, you must include an amount sufficient to cover the face value of the stamps plus return postage.

To obtain a list of the stamps available at the Agency, send them a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a request for it. The address is Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C.

Getting back to one of the souvenir sheets mentioned above, the TIPEX, not many collectors are aware of any intimate story connected with it.

Because the Post Office Department wanted a sufficient quantity of these on hand for sale on the first day at the Third International Philatelic Exhibition, for which the sheet was issued, three shifts of printers were put on duty at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to produce them.

On the second night, the night shift pressman, noting that the ink was getting low in the press fountain, dumped the contents of a can of ink in it that was sitting by the press.

What he didn't know at the time he did it was that the ink was black instead of purple.

Because of the lighting, he did not note the gradual change of color from purple through darker and darker shades to finally a solid black color. When he finally did, the press was shut down, and the approximately 1300 full sheets, containing 30 of the Souvenir sheets each, were destroyed.

Thus no copies of a very interesting error in color ever reached the public, nor did any of the gradually darkened shades thereof.

As with the CIPEX 1947 sheet, some of the TIPEX were printed at the government exhibit within the exhibition itself. A special plate, numbered 21563 was used there, and all sheets printed from it were destroyed.

Only those sheets printed from plate numbers 21557-8 were sold to the public. Either of those numbers are to be found on each TIPEX souvenir sheet.

1. Inventors and their inventions are:—Whitney, the Cotton Gin; Morse, the Telegraph; McCormick, the Reaper; Howe, the

Sewing Machine; Bell, the Telephone.

2. Zachary Taylor, who is depicted on the 12c denomination.

## The Plate Blocker

by  
**Emanuel Strauss**  
68 Nassau St.  
New York 7, N. Y.

Reports from Mr. Strauss' home in Brooklyn, N. Y. state that he is improving in health from his recent bout with pneumonia. He will again edit this column in the very near future.

**OREGON MAN**  
(Continued from page 7)

ness items in formal meeting, Weil and another chess playing member of the club "push the wood."

The other fellow does all the pushing, Charles tells him where! Wednesday is Helen's night out. It is the weekly meeting night of the local chess club which also goes into session at the friendly Weil home.

Like a lot of other fortunate men who have had a good woman give them help and encouragement, Charles Weil credits his Helen with being pretty much of an angel.

He says that most of the time it is pretty rough sledding for her. She has to meet deadlines for cartoons and handle practically all the work connected with the stamp business. On top of that she has to cook, keep house and keep an eye on his wants. Charles likes to smoke, but can't light a cigarette; he likes to draw but has to have someone change the paper on his board.

There's never a dull moment, says Charles, what with stamps, chess, gardening (Helen's favorite hobby), Henry Gerald their Cocker Spaniel, Percy the canary, Bert, Clyde and Polly the wild jays who live the year round in a tree right outside his window, and their rabbits, and banty roosters.

Everyone's quite happy and busy around the Weil home!

## Staten Islanders Will Banquet, Make Awards

Sixteenth annual dinner of the Staten Island Philatelic Society is scheduled for the Riviera Chateau on April 24.

There will be an award and several certificates presented to members during the evening's program for service to the club. For having the best exhibit in the recent exhibition of the club, Alexander Findlay will be awarded the Elliot Burgher trophy.

Henry J. Murray and Bernard Ludin will be awarded certificates of appreciation for their work with juvenile collectors and hospitalized veteran collectors respectively.

## Collectors Are Offered Current Revenue Stamps

Collectors who have previously sampled the generosity of Mrs. Dorothy Maloney, 441 Sackman, Brooklyn 12, N. Y. in the sharing of her duplicate material might be interested in her latest offer.

She has an accumulation of perforated initial revenue stamps which might be of interest to beginning revenue stamp collectors. Some of these will be sent to each person who encloses a stamped, self addressed envelope with their request to her. Commems on the outer wrapper will be appreciated.

## Sayre Junior Collectors Celebrate Third Anniversary

When the Sayre, Pa. Junior Philatelic Association celebrated its third anniversary recently it did so as the guests of Buddy Dunne in his home in that city.

Activities included a display of stamps, games and of course, eats.

Capping the festivities was the admission of three new members to the club.

## PLATE BLOCKS

907	35c	967-974	18c
939-958	18c	970-980	17c
964-965	19c	981-988	16c

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**LOTS OF DRACHMAS HERE.** On April 5, Greece issued the three  
high values to what is known as the Dodecanese set. The designs  
have been used previously for other values in the set, the 30, 600  
and 1000 drachmas, Scott numbers 507, 514 and 515 respectively. The  
new stamps are a brown 2000d picturing a Dodecanese Vase, a  
5000d purple showing a statue of Hippocrates and a 10,000 blue  
displaying the Colossus of Rhodes. The first day cover shown above  
was received through the courtesy of P. J. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Place,  
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### POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

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**AUSTRALIA:** A 2½d. red  
was issued on April 12 as part  
of the regular postage issue. The  
stamp will bear a profile of  
George VI and will be of regular  
size on unwatermarked paper.

A similar 1½d. stamp is to be  
issued on June 19 with a portrait  
of Queen Elizabeth.



**BULGARIA:** A two value set  
just received honors Kolarov. Both  
values show a portrait of him and  
the dates 1877-1950. Denomi-  
nations are 4ab red brown and 20l  
blue. The blue stamp is consid-  
erably larger than the lower value.

**CURACAO:** New definitive  
sets labeled Netherlands Antilles  
will replace all stamps labeled  
"Curacao." Denominations will  
run from 6c to 10 fl.

**EGYPT:** A new 50p is to be  
issued showing King Farouk in  
military uniform.

**GREECE:** A new postal tax  
stamp with a face value of 50d has  
been received. The basic stamp is  
Scott's #397 (type A70) over-  
printed in blue similar to the over-  
print on Scott's #RA77 through  
RA80. It is therefore likely that  
the surtax is for the postal clerk's  
welfare fund.

**IRAN:** The UPU set was is-  
sued on March 16. There is a 50d  
red showing two hemispheres and  
a 250R blue showing a winged  
messenger delivering a letter.



**JAPAN:** An 8 yen bright  
ultramarine honors the Radio in-  
dustry and shows a microphone as  
used in 1925 and in contrast a  
modern microphone. The set  
honors the 25th anniversary of  
Japanese radio.

**NEPAL:** The UPU business is  
so good that Nepal is reported to  
have applied for membership so as  
to participate in the UPU's 75th  
anniversary.

**NIUE:** A ten value set to 3  
shillings is to be issued on June 1.  
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**TIMOR:** A two value set just  
received shows natives. There is  
a 20 avos blue showing a native  
craftsman and a 50 avos violet  
brown showing a native woman  
who is barefoot from the waist  
up. The set will probably be very  
popular.

### Produce Clever Program For Annual Banquet

A rather clever stunt was used  
by the Grand River Philatelic As-  
sociation of Canada at its Fifth  
Annual Banquet, Exhibition and  
Bourse on April 1 at the Royal  
Hotel, Guelph, Ontario.

Printing of the program was  
made on a 1c newspaper wrap-  
per, which served splendidly for  
the philatelic events which were  
listed thereon.

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ley Philatelic association are  
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### Joplin, Missouri Scene Of Two Day Exhibition

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annual four-state philatelic ex-  
hibition and regional meetings  
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ation.

Scene and dates of the show  
are the YMCA in Joplin on May  
13 and 14.

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lectors is the announcement that  
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the four Pro Juventute semi-postals of 1948 which carried a portrait of Gen. Ulrich Wille, and pictures of the following Swiss flowers respectively, a Foxglove, an Alpine Rose and a Lily of Paradise.

Vatican City received its award for the set of two airmails issued in 1949 with denominations of 250 and 500 Lire, and which depicted the Archangel Raphael leading the boy, Tobias.

The decision of the jury in selecting the stamps was contained in the following report of its actions:

"Assembled in Madrid today, the jury appointed by the order of the Ministry of the Interior on March 29, 1949 composed of His Excellency the Director General of Posts, Luis Rodriguez de Miguel; His Excellency the Director General of the Seal, Fernando Roldan; The Director General of Cultural Relations, Carlos Canal; The Director of the Mint; Luis August; The Director of the Royal Academy of Art, Marceliano Santa Maria; Professor of History and Art, Jose Camon Aznar; His Excellency Jose Frances, of the Library and Museum of Posts; and Jose Maria Frances of the Philatelic Section of Posts, to award the prizes "Carabela Santa Maria" and "Nao Victoria" to the two stamps or series of stamps having the most symbolic and artistic value, do resolve the following:

"In accordance with the purposes of the said Ministerial Order and prior to the examination of the stamps received in the General Post Office from January 1, 1948 until May 31, 1949, it is unanimously resolved to give the General Post Office of Switzerland the prize "Carabela Santa Maria" for the four stamps of the Pro Juventute series of 1948, and the prize "Nao Victoria" to the Vatican City Post Office for the airmail stamps issued in 1949.

"The jury takes pleasure in the fact that in awarding the "Nao Victoria" prize to Vatican City, and awarding the "Carabela Santa Maria" prize to Switzerland, there have been rewarded in the first instance, the Postal Administration of a state representing universal brotherhood among all peoples. The prize stamp has biblical significance in that it portrays young Tobias walking toward his destiny, guided by the Angel, as if trying to remind us that all advances of science should be left under the guidance of the Divinity if they are to make for good and the salvation of the human race.

"And the reward to the Pro Juventute Swiss series of 1948, brings well earned distinction to the Helvetic Administration which has an indisputable tradition of beauty and ability, matched by the best in attention and zeal for everything having to do with the organization and progress of Postal Systems.

"In accordance with the above referred Act and signed in Madrid, on October 8, 1949."

The current competition which began June 1, 1949 will end May 31, 1950. All stamps issued during that period and copies of which have been placed in the hands of the Spanish Postal Administration through the Universal Postal Union will be judged.

## Remove Three 1948 Comms From Agency's Sales List

Three more of the 1948 commems were removed from sale at the Philatelic Agency in Washington at the close of business March 31.

These were the Gold Star Mothers, the Wisconsin and the Will Rogers.

## Exhibition Dates

April 21-23—Pottstown Stamp Club, Odd Fellows Bldg., Pottstown, Pa.  
April 22—Albion Stamp Club, Parker Inn, Albion, Mich.  
April 29-30—Austin Philatelic Club, Austin Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.  
April 29-30—Kokomo Stamp Club, Francis Hotel, Kokomo, Indiana.  
April 29, 30—Dearborn Stamp Club, Miller School, Lois & Michigan, Dearborn, Mich.  
May 6, 7—Universal Ship Cancellation Society Fifth National Convention, Penn State Museum, Harrisburg, Pa.  
May 6, 7—Butler County Philatelic Society, Standard Motor Co., Butler, Pa.  
May 13, 14—Third Annual Richmond Precancel Fair, Leland Hall, Richmond, Ind. Sponsored by the Illini, Hoosier, Detroit and Central Ohio Precancel Clubs.  
May 13, 14—Peninsular State Philatelic Society, Lincoln High School Gym, Nine Mile Rd. & Livernois Ave., Ferndale, Mich.  
May 13, 14—Chicago Women's Stamp Club, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill.  
May 12-14—Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, Manitowoc, Wis.  
May 13-14—Joplin Stamp Club, YMCA, Joplin, Missouri.  
May 28-30—Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, American Legion Bldg., Post #1, Portland, Oregon.

FRENCH SERGEANT  
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equipment on the island was a sort of mimeograph device that was used to duplicate official orders.

Naturally there must have been many consultations over the different stamp designs the sergeant had prepared. The one selected had a profile portrait of Napoleon III, then emperor of France. The stamp was ready in 1859. It is a rather crude design in black and of a 10-centimes denomination. They were lithographed in sheets of fifty, are imperforate and ungummed. There is such a marked difference in the designs that each constitute a distinct variety.

When Triquerat's term in the marines expired he requested to be discharged in New Caledonia in order to go into



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15	253	573
17	256	578
24	257	616
27	258	618
28	259	619
29	260	628
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30A	261A	647
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O87 --- 1.65	R45c -- .15	RB2A
O88 --- .42	R47c -- .29	RB4A
O89 --- .18	R50c -- 1.20	RB6A
O90 --- .15	R51c -- 1.10	RB7A
O91 --- .29	R53c -- .15	RB13A
O92 --- .17	R56c -- .16	RB14A
O93 --- .70	R57c -- .28	RB16A
O108 --- .16	R62c -- .90	RB17A
O109 --- .15	R63E --- .18	RB1B
O112 --- 4.75	R64c -- .29	RB4B
O113 --- 5.60	R65c -- .23	RB6B
O119 --- .23	R66c -- .15	RB12B
O120 --- 1.20	R71c -- .24	RB14B
O122 --- 1.60	R72c -- .50	RB15B
O125 --- .15	R73c -- 4.90	RB17B
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OX12 --- .25	R77c -- 1.35	RB12c
Newspapers	R78c -- .15	RB13c
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PR11 -- .45	R83c -- .95	RB18c
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PR108 -- 1.20	R85c -- .17	RB31
PR119 -- .20	R86c -- .38	RB36
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Q3 ---- .15	R88c -- .40	RB59
Q7 ---- .40	R89c -- .20	RC16c
Q8 ---- .50	R90c -- 2.85	RC17A-C
Q9 ---- .17	R91c -- .65	RC18c
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R19A --- .70	R117 --- .65	RD59P
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R33A --- 2.85	R125 --- .90	RD60P
R36A --- 1.90	R127 --- .65	RD67c
R37A --- 16.00	R128 --- 2.10	RD73c
R42A --- .40	R129 --- 17.00	RD74c
R43A --- 2.60	R130 --- 17.00	RD75c
R46A --- .32	R131 --- 14.00	RD75P
R48A --- .19	R134 --- .90	RD76P
R52A --- 1.70	R136 --- .50	RD77
R53A --- 29.00	R138 --- .60	RD79c
R57A --- .55	R143 --- .80	RD79P
R59A --- .60	R149 --- 3.15	RD80P
R61A --- 1.45	R152c --- .50	RD83P
R62A --- .55	R176c --- .15	RD85c
R63A --- 4.90	R179 --- 4.10	RD85P
R65A --- 12.00	R195 --- .19	RD106c
R66A --- .25	R198c --- .70	RD107c
R69A --- .35	R214 --- .45	RD108
R73A --- .45	R223 --- 55.00	RD109c
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